

# NEWS FROM HOME AND OVERSEAS

## BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF UROLOGICAL SURGEONS

THE TWENTY-SECOND Annual General Meeting was held in the Roscoe Building, University of Manchester, on Thursday, 23rd June 1966.

The President, Mr D. S. Poole-Wilson, was in the chair.

1. **Minutes** of the Annual General Meeting held on 24th June 1965, which had been circulated, were taken as read and signed as correct.

2. **Election of New Members.**—The following were elected members on the nomination of the Council: Harry Fine, Durban, South Africa; Hjalmar Wilfred Johnson, Vancouver, Canada; William MacIntyre, Mauchline, Ayrshire; Gerald Francis Murnaghan, Sydney, Australia; Norman William Struthers, Glasgow; Stanley Henry Watson, Perth, Australia; Robert Edward Duncan Williams, Leeds.

3. **Report of Council for 1965-66.**—The report of Council for 1965-66, which had been circulated, was received and adopted.

The President reported that the Council had considered the question of voluntary male sterilisation by vasectomy and had agreed that at present the Association should not declare any particular advice. The following recommendations of the Medical Defence Union were read:—

- (1) Sterilisation on therapeutic grounds would be upheld by the Court;
- (2) Sterilisation on well-founded eugenic grounds would also be upheld by the Court;
- (3) Sterilisation carried out merely on the ground of personal convenience (*e.g.* of a husband or wife solely as a convenient method of birth control) might not be upheld by the Court, and
- (4) Where there was a clear element of moral turpitude and damage to the public interest (*e.g.* sterilisation of a prostitute for her convenience) the operation would, in all probability, be condemned by the Court.

It was pointed out that any action beyond these recommendations was purely a matter of the individual's conscience.

Mr Baker of Scarborough raised the question of sterilisation of the male for serious illness in the female. It was agreed by the meeting that this situation was not covered by the Medical Defence Union's statement and once again it was a matter of the individual's conscience. Such a case had not been tested in Court.

4. **Report of the Honorary Treasurer and the Balance-sheet to 31st December 1965.**—The audited accounts for the year 1965, which showed a balance on the year's working of £899. 15s. 11d., were presented by the Honorary Treasurer and approved.

5. **Election of Officers.**—The following were elected Officers for 1966-67: *Vice-President*, Mr A. W. Badenoch; *Honorary Treasurer*, Mr Howard G. Hanley; *Honorary Secretary*, Mr J. F. R. Withycombe; *Honorary Editorial Secretary*, Mr B. H. Page.

6. **Election of Members of Council.**—The following were elected members of Council to fill the vacancies: Mr S. Glaser, Bath; Mr J. P. Mitchell, Bristol; Mr W. W. Wiggins-Davies, Portsmouth; Mr C. H. Kinder, London (to fill casual vacancy).

7. **Election of Auditors.**—Messrs Howard, Howes & Company were re-elected auditors for the ensuing year.

8. **1967 Annual Meeting.**—It was reported that the 1967 Annual Meeting would be held in London from 22nd to 24th June, and that the subject for the discussion would be "Urinary Diversion."

9. **1968 Annual Meeting.**—It was reported that the 1968 Annual Meeting would be held in Cardiff.

10. **1966 Provincial (One-day) Meeting.**—It was reported that the 1966 Provincial (one-day) Meeting would be held in Belfast on 15th October.

11. **Rules.**—The Council recommended that the following addition should be made to Rule 5:—

"The President and Honorary Secretary of the Association shall be members of both the Executive and Editorial Committees of the British Journal of Urology."

This was approved.

12. **Urological Prize.**—It was reported that the 1966 Urological Prize had been awarded to Mr J. P. Maddern, Adelaide, for his essay entitled "Surgery of the Staghorn Calculus."

On Wednesday evening, 22nd June, members and their guests were invited by the Lord Mayor of the City of Manchester to a Reception and Buffet-Supper at the Town Hall.

After the Business Meeting on Thursday, 23rd June, the following short papers were read :—

- (a) "The Treatment of Severe Chronic Retention without Large Diverticula." Mr H. Hamilton Stewart (Bradford).
- (b) "The Adult Enuretic." Mr Ashton Miller (Bristol).
- (c) "The Measurement and Significance of the Urinary Flow Rate." Mr J. C. Smith (London).
- (d) "Bladder Neck Stenosis in Children—is it important?" Mr John Grieve (Dundee).
- (e) "Reconstructive Surgery of Megaureter." Mr J. H. Johnston (Liverpool).

In the afternoon a discussion took place on "Chronic Renal Failure Treated by Dialysis," in which the following papers were given :—

- (a) General Introduction. Professor D. A. K. Black (Manchester).
- (b) "Personal Experience." Dr B. H. Scribner (Seattle, U.S.A.).
- (c) "Chronic Dialysis Units in this Country and Europe and their Results." Mr John Swinney (Newcastle upon Tyne).
- (d) "The Giovannetti Dietary Control." Dr G. M. Berlyne (Manchester).
- (e) "Haemodialysis in the Home." Dr Stanley Shaldon (London).
- (f) "Dublin Experience—with a Comment on Bilateral Nephrectomy." Mr Anthony Walsh (Dublin).
- (g) "Intermittent Peritoneal Dialysis in Terminal Renal failure." Dr M. V. Moriarty (Leeds).
- (h) "Difficulties Encountered in Intermittent Dialysis for Chronic Renal Failure." Dr H. J. Goldsmith (Liverpool).

On the Thursday evening a Reception was given by the President and Council, which was followed immediately by the Annual Dinner. Two hundred and twenty-three members and their guests attended the Dinner which was held at the Midland Hotel.

On Friday, 24th June, a discussion was held on "Chronic Renal Failure Treated by Renal Homotransplantation" in which the following papers were given :—

- (a) "Kidney Transplant Register." Mr John Hopewell (London).
- (b) "Immunological Aspects." Mr B. Nolan (Edinburgh).
- (c) "Transplant Experiences in Cleveland." Professor R. A. Straffon (Cleveland).
- (d) "Personal Experiences of Practical Problems." Professor R. Shackman (London).
- (e) "Preservation of Renal Tissue." Mr John Swinney (Newcastle upon Tyne).
- (f) "Factors Influencing Extracorporeal Hypothermic Perfusion of the Isolated Canine Kidney." Mr J. Steyn, Mr T. Mobley, and Mr A. Suwanagul (Aberdeen).
- (g) "Renal Circulatory Shutdown during Perfusion of the Isolated Kidney." Mr J. Kane and Mr E. C. Edwards (Liverpool).
- (h) "Cadaveric Renal Transplants with Cyclophosphamide." Dr F. M. Parsons (Leeds).
- (i) "Cadaveric Transplants." Mr K. Owen (London).
- (j) "Ethical Problems." Mr B. Nolan (Edinburgh).

On Friday afternoon the 1966 Urological Prize was awarded to Mr J. P. Maddern for his essay entitled "Surgery of the Staghorn Calculus." The prize for the best scientific exhibit was awarded jointly to Mr J. P. Mitchell and Mr C. P. Nicholas.

Mr J. P. Maddern presented a summary of his essay. The following short papers were then read :—

- (a) "The Action of Drugs on the Intact Human Ureter." Mr James A. Ross, Mr Peter Edmond, and Dr John Griffiths (Edinburgh).
- "Clinical Blind Trial of Three Drugs in the Control of Renal Colic." Mr N. Slade (Bristol).
- (b) "The Functional Results of Cæcocystoplasty following Partial, Sub-total, and Total Bladder Resection." Mr R. T. Turner-Warwick (London).
- (c) "Segmental Cystectomy with Peritoneoplasty." Mr Oliver Jelly (Manchester).

In the evening members and their guests visited the Radio-Astronomy Telescope, Jodrell Bank, which was followed by supper at Mere Country Club.

On Saturday morning, 25th June, clinical-pathological demonstrations were held at :—

Christie Hospital and Holt Radium Institute.  
Manchester Royal Infirmary.

At a Meeting of the Council held on 24th March 1966 the following were elected Associate Members: K. P. S. Caldwell, F.R.C.S., Exeter; B. K. Gray, F.R.C.S.E., Belfast; A. G. Hutchison, F.R.C.S.E., Glasgow; and at a Council meeting on 23rd June: A. Russell Bearn, F.R.C.S., Newcastle upon Tyne; Sir James Fraser, Bt., Ch.M., F.R.C.S.E., Edinburgh; Roger Hole, F.R.C.S., London; J. D. Jefferies, F.R.C.S., Newcastle upon Tyne; D. R. John, F.R.C.S., London; R. J. Luck, F.R.C.S., London.

## UROLOGICAL PRIZE ESSAY, 1968

THE British Association of Urological Surgeons offers a prize of £100 for an essay on **A Subject of the Candidate's own choice within the Urological Field.**

## REGULATIONS

Candidates for the prize must be Fellows of one of the Royal Colleges of Surgeons in the British Isles, Canada, Australasia or South Africa who are in the course of urological training or who have obtained consultant posts within ten years of the date of submission of the essay.

The length of the essay should be a minimum of 10,000 words. It must be typewritten and in English.

Each essay must be distinguished by a motto or device and accompanied by a sealed envelope containing the name and address of the author and having on the outside the corresponding motto or device. The substance of an essay already accepted for a university thesis, but not previously published, may be submitted.

Three assessors will be appointed by the Council to make recommendations on the award of the prize, which will be decided at the B.A.U.S. Council meeting. The Council reserve the right not to make an award in any one year.

The closing date for the receipt of the 1968 prize essay will be 1st January 1968. The assessment will be made by 1st March and the winner will be required to present a summary of his essay at the Annual Meeting of the Association where the prize will be presented. The British Journal of Urology will have the option of publishing the winning essay in full or in summary before publication is made elsewhere.

NOTE.—A prize will be offered for an essay every year. The subject of the essay will be in one year a set topic and in alternate years on any matter of the candidate's choosing within the urological field. Candidates for the latter should submit their title for approval to the President before the essay is written.

At the Royal College of Surgeons,  
Lincoln's Inn Fields,  
London, W.C.2.  
July 1966.

J. F. R. WITHYCOMBE,  
*Honorary Secretary.*

## THE LISTER CENTENARY CONFERENCE, LONDON, APRIL 1967

(Patron: H.M. THE QUEEN)

Chairman: The Rt. Hon. THE LORD BROCK OF WIMBLEDON, M.S., F.R.C.P., F.R.C.S.

A CONFERENCE will be held between 2nd and 6th April 1967, at the Royal College of Surgeons of England, to commemorate the beginning of a revolution in Surgery. The conference is being organised by the Royal College of Surgeons of England, in association with: The Royal Society, The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, The University of Edinburgh, The University of Glasgow, The University of London, University College Hospital, King's College Hospital, The Lister Institute of Preventive Medicine, The Wellcome Trust, The Ciba Foundation.

The programme will begin with the historical background to Lister's life and work and will include a Symposium entitled "Safe Surgery." A special exhibition will demonstrate the significance of Lister's achievement, both in his own time and today.

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